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#### CLASSIC CARS

Canal Fest drivers enjoy top show weather

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PORT COLBORNE - Al Lallouette was delighted to see sunny skies and to feel a light breeze ease warm temperatures Sunday morning. see CANAL FEST | A2





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FESTIVAL: 40 year old tradition grows, says mayor



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pierre de Raucourt, left, and Melanie McKenzie of Maple, Ont. cut vegetables for Melo's Divine Delights during the Flavours of Niagara International Food & Wine Festival in Port Colborne's H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on the weekend.

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## **Flavours** crowd increases

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PORT COLBORNE -Ouestions swirled through a breezy H.H. Knoll Lakeview park over the weekend.

"What have you tried? "What do you like? "Where did you get that," visitors to the Flavours of Niagara International Food and Wine Festival asked about Italian, Caribbean, Moroccan, seafood and harbecue selections from

13 food outlets "Have tried the Merlot? Isn't that great Chardonnay," they said after sampling products from five wineries.





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# Location adds charm to car show

FROM PAGE A1

The organizer of the Canal Fest Antique Car Show remembers last year's disaster

A weather forecast calling for evening rain was wrong. A downpour came in the middle of the car show - too late to post pone it but in effect shutting it

\*Even our craft vendors were washed away," he said. However, he was smiling Sunday as car after car drove into the lot. All 250 pre-resgistered spots filled up with antique and

classic cars some worth up to \$100,000 "It all depends on the weather when it comes for a car show," Lallouette said about the 16th annual one beside Lock 8 in Port

Colhorne He expected the good weather to bring paying visitors to help cover the cost of the show and to raise money for Sick Children's

Hospital in Toronto. We hope to raise \$5,000 for the hospital this year," be said between admission and driver fees. Over the years, the car show has given the hospital \$101,000. "The bospital staff are sure appreciative of the support," he said.

Unlike a classic car cruise night, an antique car show is a competition . Experts judge cars and owners receive trophies and



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo John Tatham of Georgetown wears a Canadian Army Korean War period uniform as he explains his 1953 Jeep that was made for the war. He said he tries to educate people about the war as he enjoys the car show experience at the Canal Fest

the years based on the ruling of judges," Lallouette chuckled. Sunday's show included cars of all styles, descriptions and ages from the 1920s, through the cruising cars of the 1950s, the muscle cars of the 1960s and

Antique Car Show at Lock 8 Park on the weekend.

1970s to oddities such as a 1953 Ieen decked out for the Korean "It was made in 1953 but never got to Korea," said history buff John Tatham dressed in a

Canadian Korean-War period A Canadian Red Ensign and South Korean flag fly over the Jeep. In front he has framed

information about Canadian Army units who served there. While he enjoys the classic car socializing, he tries to educate the public about Canada's role in the war

Throughout the show a commentator urges visitors to talk to classic car owners about their vehicles. There's a story to go

with each one and the owners love to tell them. Russel Brown of Dunnville.

for example, has a replica of a 1929 Mercedes Benz, It runs on "T've lost a few friends over a 1972 Ford Pinto power train

"that's almost a classic in itself." He said he started in the car bobby by making models. Then he found a bunch of broken models and created a model scrapyard on a 4X8 piece of plywood. Like a model train layout. it consists of fences, grass and

other landscaping. Gary Couckuyt of Tillsonburg drives a blazing red 1969

Chevelle with a 427 small block He's had the car for seven years and "has lots of fun during many hours working on it."

Couckuyt said he goes to car shows and cruise events throughout the year but finds the Lock 8 show one of the best. "It's a good show. There are a lot of interesting cars here and the location is really nice." Lallouette said he begins

reparing for the the show in November and has about 25 volunteers helping out along with sponsors who supply about 80 prizes. Each year many of the same

drivers return. "We have a turnover of about 30%," he said. "That keeps the III FI AVOLIRS

# Food, wine, beer and bands

FROM PAGE AT

Light afternoons turned into busy nights for food vendors, for wine samplers and a beer tent as a string of seven bands played through

the three-day festival. "We are breaking all attendance records," said special events co-ordinator Allaina Kane said Sunday at the start of the third day of the festival. Our attendance has doubled over the past three

years," she said with a coming-and-going crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 each day. "It picks up with the entertainment," she said. "People going to the beer tent and

wineries after enjoying the Kane said they shifted to a high-energy bands for entertainment and that seems to

be paying off. She said some of the food vendors sold out of their prenared dishes before each day was over. Others tried to keep the stock up by running back and forth three or four times to their restaurants.

"The vendors are delighted," she said about the response Everybody is happy with

the selections they found." she said about the feed back on the food she was getting during the festival. Flavours of Niagara is having a spill-over effect,

"Restaurants downtown are seeing more customers and West St. stores are doing brisk business. The Canada Day festival has "made Port Colhorne a destination for good food and wine and kicks off a busy

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Nick Ward of Country Corner Market barbecues marinated

steak during the Flavours of Niagara International Food & Wine Festival in Port Colborne's H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Country Corner was one of 13 food vendors and five wineries

summer" of festivals for the people together." city, she said.

at the festival.

Mayor Vance Badawey said the city with the festival is preserving a tradition that began in 1967 when Rose Shymanksy introduced Flavours of Port Colborne with the community's Ethnic Week/Canada Day

celebrations "Her event showcased our community's culinary favourites," he said. "Today her event has been

enhanced to include Flavours of Niagara, showcasing the entire region's culinary favourites. He said this event "is a testament to Rose and the many

others who introduced this tradition to our community. She would be proud."

Badawey said this year was success because of "excellent weather, excellent food. excellent entertainment and most importantly the people. "That's what it's all about, an opportunity to bring The mayor praised the

work of volunteers, city staff and everyone else who worked on the festival. "You have to appreciate the great amount of work done to

make this happen. Festival vendors included Ioe's Meat Market, Caribbean Flavah, Kindred Marketplace, The Rex Hotel, Rose City, In Season Catering, Smokin' Buddha, @27 restauant, Country Corner Market. Kool Kats Caribbean, Super Mario's Pizza. Hank Daddy's

BBQ, and Spice of Life. Wineries represented were Covote's Run Estate Winery. Reif Winery, 20 Bees Winery, Eastdell Winery, and Joseph's

Estate Winery. Bands performing during the weekend were More Bad News and the Horns from Hell, The Johnny Max Band, Fathead Band, British Invasion, Steve Burnside with Marquis, LMT Connection.





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■ HERITAGE: 38th annual Heritage Display

# **Antique Power Association shows its muscle**

WAYNE CAMPBELL InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE Barbara Mittlestead wants to encourage more children to play with toys - old ones. The director of the

Niagara Antique Power Association said her group wants to set up a mentors program to teach young people how to operate the steam and air-nowered toys as well as large machinery the association has.

"We get a lot of interest from children and young people at shows," she said during an interview at the 38th annual Heritage Display in Sherkston this weekend

But we haven't been able to bring them in. That's why we're thinking about a mentor program."

Mittlestead became interested in the toys and heavy farm machinery about 11 years ago through her huchand

Scott Mittlestead has 38 vears of experience. He learned from his father John Mittlestead one of the early members of the association. Most of the members were taught by their fathers and grandfathers how to use the steam, horse, gas, electrical and other equipment that

powered work on Niagara farms in the early 20th Owners play with the antique equipment on farms throughout the region and

then show it off to the public during the Heritage Display. It's held Canada Day weekend at Learn Heritage Farm on Wilhem Rd. in Sherkston. The three days of demon-

strations included tractor pulls, fiddle music, kloggers, petting zoo, puppet show, bake shop, antique washing machines, flea market, kitchen equipment and

It featured Canadian horses a special breed developed in Canada as well as antique and classic motorcycles.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff photo

The Robbins family of St. Catharines with Steve stirring, Lisa and Bill standing and Mae sitting, show visitors to 38th annual Heritage Display of the Niagara Antique Power Association how to make Granny's Lye Soap. It takes five hours of steady stirring in a cauldren boiling over a wood fire. Saturday afternoon the family put four generations to work on the project.

The Canadian Vintage Mortorcycle Niagara Peninsula Division has about 55 members, said Allan

By Saturday afternoon they had 40 Indians, Nortons,

Triumphs and other vintage brands on display. Fred Martin of Niagara Falls wore a Roaring Twenties style leather helmet to show off his 1925 Indian, he found 45 years ago in Toronto. It's engine was in pieces. Over

the years he has painstakingly reconstructed and polished up the bike.

"I've gotten it up to 92 kilo-metres," he said. The Robbins family who live on Robbins Ave. in rural St Catharines demonstrated "the joys" of making lye soap. It requires five hours of constant stirring in a boiling pot hanging over a wood fire.

The family gathered four generations together to celebrate the demonstration. "It takes 40 pounds of pork or beef fat, rain water, lye and a little salt

said Mae Robbins, the granny for Granny's Lye Soan. We sell it for a buck a bar. With her husband Bill, they started the demonstration for the Jordan Museum's Pioneer Days and the Wainfleet

Marshville Festival. "It takes a lot of work and there is no money in it," she said with a laugh looking at her son Steve stirring the pot. "We donate whatever we

make to who ever is holding the event," she said. Elwin Moore of St. Anns ran a Cockshut Grain Grinder with a gas engine to ground raantiquepower.org.

"You put more corn in as the number of people watch-

ing gets bigger." Carl Kirton of Port Colborne put together an elaborate system of machines and pulleys to create a can

"I admit it's a bit over done but it shows how they used to work on the farms Mittlestead said the asso-

ciation was delighted to have the Port Colborne town cry and Mayor Vance Badawey at the opening of the annual Heritage Display on Friday. Badawey said it one of those events that makes Port Colborne a destination spot through the summer.

Mittlestead said information about the association and its activities is available on its website www.niaga-

uscamnhell@ uvellandtribune.co



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff photo Barbara and Scott Mittlestead of Niagara Antique Power Association show water-powered toys during the 38th annual Heritage Display weekend in Sherkston. The threeday demonstration include dozens of toys and antique farm



Allan MacKay of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Association Niagara Peninsula Division stands beside some of the more than 40 older motorcycles on display at the 38th annual Heritage Display of the Niagara Antique Power Association.

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Ourview

# Port's a busy place

ort Colborne was the place to be this past weekend with events for just about everyone. It kicked off Friday with Flavours of Niagara fourth annual

International Food and Wine Festival at H. H. Knoll Lakeview Nearly 20 food vendors and wineries served various wines

and food like ox tail, goat, sausage sliders, spring rolls and

And while people sipped wine and sampled food, jazz music, played by various bands, could be heard throughout the nark

Flavours is growing each year and brings more people to Port Colborne and while it is a great event, we'd like to suggest the city consider using Welland's mobile culinary kitchen and bring in a top chef to bold a cooking demonstration. While Flavours was going on at the park a few miles down

the road Niagara Antique Power Association was holding its annual show.

The show, held on Wilhelm Rd., also draws in large crowds. People come from all around to see antique machines still

Things like old gas and steam engines, vintage motorcycles, antique cars and trucks, and antique farm equipment are all around the Learn Heritage Farm property

It's an event everyone should attend at least once. It provides a trip back in time to days without Playstations,

cellahones (Pode and other electronic gear The third event on the weekend was the annual Canal Fest Car Show at Lock 8 Park.

Al and Dave Lallouet have been running the car show for 15 years now and it draws in 250 cars from across southern Ontario, western New York and places like Ohio and Pennsylvania.

People also come from all around to check out the cars at the show, which is also a fundraiser for the two men. In the past, funds had been donated to Lakewood Easter Seals Camp, but when that facility closed, Sick Kids Hospital became the recipient of funds raised at the event.

All three events show the diversity of activities that take place in Port Colborne. Events like these help showcase the city and what it has to offer not only residents, but visitors as well

It's those visitors the city needs to attract and keep bringing back, not just for the three events above, but to the city itself, With the possibility of a botel coming to the area of Hwys. 3 and 140, the city could promote itself a a great place to stay while exploring Niagara.

And the city has a lot to offer visitors. It has one of the largest public beaches in Niagara, great restaurants, kilometres of recreational trails, a park with a great view of the lake and the Welland Canal. Not many places in the region can offer all of that.

#### I'VE REEN THINKING

# I like the sound of the vuvuzela

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH First Evangelical Lutheran Church

'm one of the few people I know who likes the sound of the vuvuzela. Anyone who has been watching the World Cup soccer games from South Africa will be familiar with the buzzing, honking sound that the fans make with their plastic horns. That's the sound of

the Vuyuzela Some find it annoying or disturbing. After the first few games of the World Cup there were calls to ban the Vuvuzela, Broadcasters have tried to filter the sound somewhat. I'm glad it wasn't banned and I'm glad that I can still hear the tooting of the horns as I watch the games. The vuyuzela is part of South Africa's soccer culture. It's a part of the fans' enthusiasm as they cheer on

their favourite teams. A couple of weeks ago I attended the Eastern Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. It was a convention attended by about 300 members of churches from Sault Ste. Marie to Halifax. I submitted a motion at the convention "that the Ministry Director for Worship Ministries

investigate the possible liturgical and musical uses of the vuvuzela and

communicate her findings to the wider church."

Okay, it was a joke, and I submitted it to inject a bit of levity into what can sometimes be pretty serious and boring business meetings. One pastor got up to propose an amendment to the motion. suggesting that it be for "outdoor" uses because if it's blown indoors the vuvuzela can damage your hearing. He also gave a few reasons why it might be a

good instrument to be used in churches. The vuvuzela can be played by anyone so it's a very inclusive instrument and in the church we want to be inclusive and welcoming to everyone. Also, the Vuvuzela plays only one note which can be a symbol of Christian unity. You'll

find all kinds of different churches throughout our city and the world. We worship in different ways and we might understand and express our relationship with God in different ways But something we do share is our faith

in Jesus Christ The vuyuzela can be seen as a symbol of inclusiveness and unity. We sing a hymn in our church written by Marty

Haugen that says: "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how

hearts learn to forgive.

"Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place."

The Good News of Iesus Christ tells us that divisions are removed. The love of Jesus can transform our lives and bring about reconciliation between ourselves and God and between each other. The divisions that would include some and exclude others are abolished by the grace of God. St. Paul wrote to the churches in Galatia. "There is no longer Iew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female: for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"

We are also united in Christ. In the Bible the letter to the Enhesian church says. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Eph 4:4-6). Our unity doesn't mean we're all the same. It means we share something in common, our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Gal 3:28)

So I'm going to try to get my hands on a vuvuzela or two. And I'll blow it (outside) and think of how that buzzing tone reminds me of the inclusiveness and unity of our faith in Iesus Christ.

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### Great support makes tourney a success

We would like to thank all who came out to support the Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (Pocomar) second lim Gram Tribute Golf Tourney and our main

annual fundraiser. To Pocomar members, to family members and friends who came out and helped out on the course, made our new guests and players so welcome at the registration desk. many thanks. You all ensured the day was a success. Whisky Run again lived up to its reputation as the 'Friendliest Golf Course in Niagara.' All the staff were great and made us very welcome. Wayne's buffet sets better each year and he made sure no one went away hungry. Our grateful thanks go to the following for their generosity in supporting Pocomar by sponsoring our fundraiser and to those who offered such a great variety of

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# Canadian horses — a rare but tough breed



RYGEORGE

Rose Cook has been a horse girl all her life. She grew up with them in the

But when she and husband Gary married and had kids. they moved to town, setting un home in a house on Rosemount Ave. After the kids were grown

and gone, they moved back to the country. That was 10 years ago. "That was always the plan." she says at the paddock

where she had lessie, her 12-year-old Canadian horse on display at last weekend's Niagara Antique Power Association's annual Heritage Display. "We found a 22-acre

ged

parcel of land on White Rd., custom-built our house, and moved back to the country in

The Canadian is an actual breed and the horses are gorgeous, It's fitting Rose and Gary had Jessie at the heritage display as the Canadian is the oldest known breed of borse in the country.

And they're rare. "There are only 4.000 Canadian horses in the world," Rose says, "To put that in perspective, there are 360,000 horses in total in

Ontario alone. After the Cooks established their new White Rd. homestead, Serenity Glade Stables, they went looking for horses and set about becoming breeders. They went to the Royal

Agricultural Pair in Toronto and fell in love with the Canadians. "It took me two years to

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Cumberland up near Ottawa. She came with a bun in the

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find one, but I finally did, in Rose explained the history

of Canadian horses. She even provided an information sheet about them and their background distributed free of charge through the

Upper Canada District (UCD) Canadian Horse Breeders and the story is amazing. Back in the mid-1600s, France's King Louis XIV sent

horses from his own stables to Lower Canada, today's Onehec.

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## 'Little iron horse' on the rebound

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Needless to say, times were tough here for the early settlers. After all, many of the French landowners were knights and nobles who were used to the elegant streets of

They now found themselves trying to survive the mud tracks and bush of the St. Lawrence Valley.

So to ease their burden somewhat, the king sent his own horses, animals of the Norman, Breton and Andalusion bloodlines. With their isolation here in Canada, they bred themselves into a distinct breed all their own.

It's a fascinating story. "Canadian horses cleared and worked the land," the UCD's information sheet tells us, "(they) carried children to school, pulled the cutters and carriages, and provided great entertainment for their masters in the form of

There was almost nothing these incredible animals

couldn't do. "They endured brutally cold winters, mosquitoes and flies in the summer, poor feed and long hours of work with little rest. They became smaller in size and hardy. The Canadian gained a

reputation for its stamina and vigor - thus the title, Little Iron Horse." Yet, they almost became extinct. They went from a global population of about 150,000 in the mid-1800s to a low of only 400 in the late

The UCD says, "Thanks to the efforts of a bandful of dedicated breeders, the Canadian horse now bas a population of about 4,000. No longer on the critical list of endangered species, it has made a remarkable

comeback." And Rose and Gary own

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DNA sample from the mane or the tail to the Canadian Livestock Records. Once it's properly verified, they send a microchip to put in the horse's neck. They then send

The Cooks will spend the summer preparing for the All-Canadian Horse Show, set for Orangeville in

Rose is clearly living her dream, the one she put on most rare horses on the

she explains.

four of them. Rose explains they must be verified at birth. You have to send in a you a document stating the horse's authenticity."

In addition to Jessie, the Cooks have another Canadian on their farm, one in Cumberland on display at the Cumberland Historical Museum and one working with trainer Tui Tompkins at Monarch Meadows on Burnaby Rd. in Wainfleet.

September.

hold when she moved into town. She owns four of the "We wanted something

different, a different horse." And in April of 2002.

parliament passed a bill establishing the Canadian as "Canada's National Horse." We'll give you something to



GEORGE DUMA InPort News Photo

Rose Cook had her 12-year-old Canadian horse Jessie at last weekend's Niagara Antique Power Association's annual Heritage Display.

The bill received Royal Port Colborne and has spent Assent, officially becoming 30 years in the newspaper law, on Apr. 30, 2002. business. He is currently a member of the journalism "It recognizes the breed's fine attributes and contribution to Canadian history," the UCD says. column suggestions and

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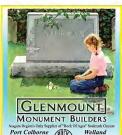
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■ PILOT PROJECT: Recycling containers in Wainfleet, Thorold, St. Catharines and Grimsby

# **Niagara Region** encouraging recycling at parks, arenas

#### KAESHA FORAND InPort News Staff WAINFLEET - Through a new

pilot project, Niagara Region is hoping to reduce the amount of recyclables that end up in the Recently, four hins were

installed at beaches at Augustine Rd., Side Road 30, Harhourview Rd. and across from the Oakwood cemetery in Wainfleet to encourage the recycling of glass and plastic containers and aluminum

The Region hasn't been offering recycling services at public locations such as arenas, parks and heaches.

A pilot project has been implemented at the Bill Burgoyne Arena and Merritton Arena in St. Catharines, Grimshy's Main St. and Thorold's Battle of Beaverdams Park, C.E. Grosse Park, Sullivan Park and South Confederation Park

The problem is contamination when people put garbage in the recycling. We're excited they chose Wainfleet as part of the pilot project and we hope it is successful."

Greg Wuisman, Wainfleet operations director

recycling," said Wainfleet operations director Greg Wuisman. "We're excited they chose Wainfleet as part of the pilot proj-

ect and we hope it is successful. Andy Pollock, director of waste management services at the region, said his staff have learned from other municipalities' mistakes and know to clearly lahel the bins and restrict their openings to avoid contamination with

"We looked at what has worked and what hasn't and a few lessons were learned," he said, "We want to really drive up diversion

Thorold's arenas have seen an 84% increase in recycled items. "We're hoping for the same results in the outdoor pilot project." Pollock said.

The pilot project will last until September, when a consultant will analyze the amount of recvclahles and garbage deposited in the containers to determine if a widespread program is viable.

Refreshments Canada is helping to fund 50% of the project. If it proves to be successful, a partnership may be formed to offset the costs of the hins.



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# **Exploring the world**

KAESHA FORAND

InPort News Staff PORT COLBORNE - They were seeking an adventure and wanted to teach their daughters there is more to the world than the commu-

nity they lived in. More than two years ago. Rosanne and Kevin Wendling began to think about teaching abroad.

Rosanne had visited Europe with her mother and sister and "I realized how mucb I wanted my children to experience the world."

They attended a teachers overseas recruiting fair at Queen's University and had a number of interviews for schools in Egypt, Syria, Russia, Korea and Europe.

But the majority of schools in Europe wouldn't permit their five daughters to attend. They received an offer from Gyeonggi-Suwon International School in South Korea but wanted to visit the

area before committing. Kevin and their eldest daughter Justine flew to Suwon, South Korea in March 2008 to visit the area and the

private international school with 600 students in pre kindergarten to Grade 11. Suwon has a population of about 1 million in an area the size of

In the summer of 2008. Rosanne who had taught in French elementary schools for 17 years, and Kevin who taught and was a principal and vice principal in English elementary schools packed up their lives and brought their daughters Mia. 3: Ariel. 6; Matteya, 8; Kyara, 9; and

11-year-old Justine to South

GSIS provided the family with a five-bedroom apartment across the street from the school and had Rosanne and Kevin take culture, language and food lessons to help them adapt to the steep change. They joined a large staff comprised of teachers. principals and headmasters from Canada, the United States, Spain, Honduras. New Zealand, China and India.

"The hardest part of living in Korea is there is very little English," Kevin said. Their daughters quickly learned how to read and speak Korean, although all the school's classes are taught in English and second languages are taught in Korean,

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KAESHA FORAND Staff Phr The Wendling family has spent the past two years in Suwon, South Korea, while Rosanne and Kevin teach at Gyeonggi-Suwon International School. The Port Colborne family will return for another year with their daughters, from front left, Kyara, Matteya, Ariel, Justine in the middle back and Mia. The girls also attend the private international school.



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# Cultural differences take some adjustment

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The school is authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization and offers academic program for primary (kindergarten to Grade 5), middle (Grades 6 to 10) and a diploma program for Grades 11 and 12.

Its curricula and exams are recognized around the world, and once students graduate from Grade 12 they take a standard test to determine which college or university they can attend.

Student attending GSIS must have either a foreign passport or must have lived outside of Korea for a minimum of three years to attend. During Kevin's first year he taught mathematics and was promoted to high school principal last year - a role he will once again fill come August when school is back in session and when he helps to implement a Grade 12 pro-

gram at the school. Rosanne taught science at the elementary level and the following year began teach-

ing physical education. Although student life is very similar to ours - there are a number of cultural differences including the level of respect younger Koreans have for their elders.

Upon meeting you for the first time, Koreans ask your age because there are seven different levels of greetings, and properly greeting an acquaintance - especially if

Korean culture. The family does much of its shopping at Costo which is known as the busiest store in the world, but a Korean diet is spicy, something the family hasn't adapted to so

they do a lot of their own cooking. In addition to academic programs, GSIS offers sports, tae kwon doe, music, dance and a wide variety of athletic

and spiritual programs and One unique experience the Wendlings experienced in 2009 was the H1N1 Swine Flu

The school had three confirmed cases and was closed for one week. But classes had to continue and teachers

they are older - is crucial in broadcast their classes over could smell the burning forest the Internet and YouTube or sent assignments via e-mail.

When the school reopened, Kevin was tasked with screening students with a high-tech device used by airports to determine a person's body temperature.

If students had an elevated temperature, they were sent to secondary screening and possibly sent home.

Teaching abroad has given the family the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong, the Philippines, India, Vienna and Malaysia to name a few. Some trips are for professional development, while others are personal. In Malaysia, the girls

learned an important lesson about the rain forest. They

and learned that farmers must clear the forest to make way for farm land which in turn create employment.

It's an unfortunate reality. however, in Malaysia orangutan are protected and if one is found before the burning or clear cutting, all work must stop and the animal must be brought to a sanctuary.

The family has returned to Port Colborne for the summer and will return to South Korea in September. Rosanne and Kevin have documented their school and travel adventures on a blog which can be seen at http:// familywendling.blogspot.

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PORT COLBORNE - In time of emergency, communication

The City of Port Colborne is reviewing its communication with

residents, following the June 15 diesel spill into the Welland Canal. Diesel spilled into the canal at Dock 16 while a vessel was taking on fuel. The incident prompted the city to put a ban on drinking water until proper testing could be performed.

While sharing his appreciation for those who worked to solve the issue. Mayor Vance Badawey also shared concerns about reaching residents in time of emergency, during a recent council meeting. He said it is "extremely difficult" to get word out to

residents in real time. In hopes of finding a solution. Badawey has asked staff at both the city and regional levels to compile reports of viable ontions to communicate with residents in real time.



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# System failed dead quarry worker: lawyer

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WELLAND - "If someone had done their job, this would never of happened," said the wife of a Fort Erie man who was killed in an industrial accident at Ridgemount Stone Quarry two years ago.

"They should've had people from the company inspect the site," said Tammy Hill after leaving the Welland courthouse last Wednesday following a three-day coroner's inquest that examined the events surrounding her husband's death

Roger Hill, 45, the father of four children, died on Jan. 21, 2008, while another worker, Ed Rogers, was injured and taken to hospital. The two workers had climbed inside a rock crushing machine in an effort to clear an obstruction that was preventing a rotor from turning.

The accident was investigated by the Ministry of Labour and evidence presented at the inquest determined that the motor on the rock crushing machine had not been turned off and some safety equipment on the unit had been tampered with which prevented a limit switch and two emergency stop buttons from working.

A third worker, Ed's brother Harry Rogers, was at a different location when the accident happened. He eventually managed to get the machine stopped and phoned for help. The three men had worked

together for many years and were employed by the Hard Rock Group, a company based in Port Colborne that once employed between 500 and 600 workers. Graeme Leach, counsel to the coroner, said the machine

had stopped for some unknown reason, the men climbed inside and tried to free an obstruction. The clutch on the machine was disengaged but the engine was not shut off. In addition, if the lock and tag procedure that is required to be followed when a machine needs to be stopped so that it can be examined or repaired had been followed, this accident would not of happened.

"No one knows for sure how the clutch engaged, but if it had been taken out of commission we wouldn't be here today." he told the five-member jury

Lawyer Jerry Raso, representing Labourer's International Union of North America Local 837, said Roger Hill died "a horrible, horrible death" and workers need to be reminded that the Occupational Health and Safety Act is there for their protection. He noted that Hill did not exercise his right to refuse unsafe work.

Hard Rock, he added, should have carried out inspections at this job site.

Also, the safety bar that should have been with the rock crushing machine was at another location. If the safety bar had been inserted into the machine it might have prevented the rotor from turning while the workers were inside the unit.

Raso said health and safety needs to trump production in the workplace. Everyone has a responsibility to make sure

they have a safe workplace and the regulations that are in place need to be followed. "Mr. Hill died because the system failed," said Raso. The jury made nine recom-

mendations that included developing a system to track what mandatory Occupational Health and Safety Training workers have received and to alert workers, employers and the Ministry of Labour when workers have not completed mandatory training within the required time periods

In addition, workers, supervisors and employers need to work together and better educate themselves on the extreme importance of complying with lock and tag procedures. Safety features on equipment must also be maintained and tested to make sure they are working

The Ministry of Labour should also issue a stop work order when lock and tag equipment is found to be deficient orabsent

Dr. Jack Stanborough, the inquest coroner, said the death of Roger Hill will have a long lasting effect on his family and fellow workers. He noted the inquest process is difficult for all those involved, but hopefully it makes things safer for people.



**■ EVENT:** For youth 13 and up

# **Golf tournament to benefit Port Cares Rocking**

#### ALLAN BENNER Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Sinking a hole in one isn't impossible. Port Colborne-Wainfleet president Mike Sloat said he almost

managed one while playing golf on Thursday. It's exceedingly difficult, but it

can be done, he said. Bob Peresotti from Port Cares said he too has had some close

"Two weeks ago, I was two feet away," be recalled. He's also had balls bounce off

the flag pole in the hole, but it has never landed inside the cup. "To get that thing in there is a little bit tough," Sloat said.

On Wednesday, July 14, if a golfer is lucky or skilled enough to hit a ball 115-vards into the 6th hole at Whisky Run Golf Course, they will have a lot more than bragging rights to show for it. They will bring home two brand new ATVs supplied by Port Colborne Power Sports, Sloat said.

They're a few of the big prizes that will be up for grabs when the Chamber of Commerce holds it's inaugural golf tournament at the

Lorraine Rd. course. 'We're expecting a great turn-

out," he said A portion of the proceeds will benefit Port Cares. Sloat said they're hoping as



An inaugural golf tournament to benefit Port Cares at Whisky Run Golf Course is being organized by from left. Bob Peressotti from Port Cares, Mike Sloat from Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce, Ward 1 Coun. David Barrick and Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhart. They're sitting on ATVs provided by Port Power Sports that will be up for grabs for anyone who manages a hole-in-one on the sixth hole during the Wednesday, July 14, tournament, Tickets are \$90 each and are available by calling the chamber of commerce office at 905-834-9765. Tickets for the meal alone are \$30.

many as 80 golfers are there for the shotgun start to begin the tournament, which will end with a prime roast dinner that evening. "They have great food here." he

Dave Barrick, a Ward 1 city

councillor and organizing committee member, said they're also still looking for sponsors for the event, as well as people interested in adding to the "great prizes" that are already available. Tickets are \$90 each and are

available by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 905-834-9765. Tickets for the meal alone are \$30, Sloat added.

Insurance is also donating insurance coverage for the event.

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# the park

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PORT COLBORNE - H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park will be rocking July 24. Bridges Community Health Centre. UberYouth, the mayor's youth advisory council and the Niagara Region are working together to fill the park with music and fun for youth during the Rock in the Park and Amazing Race for Health events taking place that Saturday from noon to 9 p.m.

The event, for youth 13 years old and up, will feature several local bands, including Autumn Crusb, Citizen, Those Damn Medaling Kids and more, while the Amazing Race for Health will offer participants an interactive chance to learn about fitness and win lots of prizes.

"It's an event to bring youth together from all backgrounds for a free rock concert.... There will be nine bands playing and food and it'll be fun," said Rita Smith, Community Living's youth programs co-ordinator who runs the UberYouth program.

Donations from Kiwanis Club of \$500 each to UberYouth and Bridges is helping to make the event a little more memorable for the participating

"We're using this money to help us buy prizes for kids, for the Rock in the Park and the Amazing Race for Health," Smith said.

Bridges will use its share of the funding, raised through the Kiwanis Club's charitable bingos, to buy "an interactive spin wheel" for children's educational programs, said Bridges representative Lori Kleinsmith. She said the wheel will be used for

educational community events involving children of all ages. Health and wellness-related questions are added to the wheel, and when it's spun the children answer the questions the arrow points to. Julie Morrison from the Kiwanis

Club said the mandate of the organization is "to give back to the children in the community." The donation to the health centre

"directly affects the learning of local youth."

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Rita Smith Community Living

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#### ■ HOUSING: Residents share concerns with city council

# Chippawa Estates not welcomed to Port neighbourhood

### InPort News Staff

Port Colborne residents aren't laving out the welcome mat for

Chippawa Estates. The proposed 19-lot subdivision off Chippawa Rd. brought up questions and concerns from residents and councillors during Monday night's city council

City staff brought forward a report recommending staff approve the project's zoning bylaw amendment as well as its draft plan

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters expressed "serious concerns" with several pieces of the report, including the area's traffic study. Though the new health and wellness centre will be just up

the street from the proposed subdivision, the roadway is narrow and there are no sidewalks, she said.

Kim Videcak, who lives near the proposed site, said her main

concern has always been safety in the area. Though the speed limit is posted as 40 km/h, drivers rarely abide by the sign, she

Butters said the traffic study. which was completed by a qualified professional engineer. carries "no weight," making her more inclined to believe the Another major point of con-

tention was the lack of parkland in the neighbourhood. A small green space has been designated as parkland, though it's not "advised as a park or widely used," said planning

and development director Dan Aguilina, But staff felt the area did not warrant additional park space, Aquilina added.

property has historical significance, as it's where one of Port Colborne's first early settlements of European Canadians landed. This means other areas near by

may also share part of that history, she said. Aguilina said the city is following the regulations set in place by the Ministry of Culture. which has indicated there are no archeological concerns on the

Butters said it's possible the ministry is unaware of the settlement and the land's history. She brought forward an amendment, which was carried by council, that city staff contact the ministry so further archeological investigation can be done.

Council approved the project's zoning bylaw amendment and draft plan, but the project will only be able to move forward if there are no significant findings by the ministry.



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#### YOUNG ARTISTS



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Students from Small Hands Studio, from left. Tate Davies, Sara Serabian, Lucas McDonald Tristan Campbell and Morgan Davies paint a coal hatch in front of Rossman's Clothing on Clarence St.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo Carl Van Kralingen, president of Barber Hymac Hydro Inc., explains to Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey the work that went into constructing a 42-tonne turbine discharge ring that will be used for a powerhouse

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### InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Barber Hymac Hydro Inc. specializes in big equipment for a niche market.

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Weighing in at 42 tonnes and eight-and-a-half metres in diameter, the discharge ring is expected to be finished by Hymac within the next six weeks. The piece, which carries an

estimated price tag of more than \$1 million, will be used for the Hydro Quebec Eastmain-1-A powerhouse near James Bay.

Three turbines will be included jobs that other companies just in the powerhouse project. can't do," Van Kralingen said. meaning three discharge rings are needed - two of which will

"This broadens our horizon." he said, adding it will bring be fabricated at Hymac. The third the company from the North will be created by Voith Hydro in American to the international market Once up and running, each "This will put us as a landmark

on the map Van Kralingen said the company focuses on seeking work within a niche market, which has kept it successful even through Canada's recession.

That Hymac has the capability to do this work offers a global niche market here in Port Colborne," said Mayor Vance Badawey, who was at the company's Barrick Rd. warehouse Tuesday to examine the nearly

finished discharge ring. "Hymac is leading the way."



POLITICS: Elected to head the Tories a year ago, he now looks forward to Ontario's vote in 2011

# Hudak has no regrets about assuming party leadership

### WAYNE CAMPBELL InPort News Staff

PELHAM - Tim Hudak loves his new tob.

the Ontario Progressive Conservatives who celebrated his first anniversarvin the role at the end of June

The job does take the MPP

family in his Wellandport home and his riding of Niagara West-Glanbrook. The leader has to deal with party matters in

Creek and Hamilton. He is also, as leader of the opposition, the first

Dalton McGuinty's feet to

Hudak was elected leader following the fail-

2007 provincial election and even win a seat in a byelection





#### III HUDAK

#### FROM PAGE A15 Since then, the former cabinet minister in Mike Harris's Conservative government has been working to rebuild the strength and credibility of the party. He believes he's

succeeded. Party memberships have tripled during the past year. Hudak has just announced the party is debt-free after paying off the last of its election loans.

"Now we can build a war chest for the next election," he said.

The next provincial election

is in October 2011. Hudak has laid out a three-prong attack. He's promoting private-

sector job creation, accountability for the tax dollar and "protecting the pocket books of the family from tax increases."

The target of the attack. of course, is Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty, who Hudak said has given him room for attack "with his tax-

and-spend policies." Manufacturing jobs in Ontario have declined. Spending scandals such as a billion-dollar eHealth loss Ontario "where you can raise

I went into it with eves wide open." Tim Hudak, on the change party leadership has meant in his life

embarrassed the government. And now the introduction of the harmonized sales tax (HST) has stirred discontent

among taxpavers. The party is more focused on creating a stronger

a family, find a good job or start a small business." Hudak is coy about Conservative solutions, preferring to say they are listen-

ing to Ontarians to gather good ideas. Rather than promise to

eliminate the HST, for example, he prefers to say "all options are on the table" if the Conservatives are elected. said he has had a positive

In his own riding, Hudak reaction to his leadership "I'm the first leader of a major party from Niagara," he

Hudak said his experience in Niagara West-Glanbrook "gives me a perspective on what could come up" across

the province. There is agriculture in Pelham and Jordan, airport

issues at Mt. Hope and suburban concerns in Stoney

Creek To handle the day-to-day work in the riding he said he has a strong team backing

him up. Hudak, 42, has been an MPP for 15 years. His wife, Deb Hutton, was an assistant to Premier Mike Harris.

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Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (Pocomar) unit held a fundraiser at Whisky Run Golf Club on Saturday. June 26. The event saw double the numbers of players over last year. Mayor Vance Badawey, centre, talks with Pocomar members Terry Smith, left, and Jeff Richard, right, at the fundraiser. The final tally from the golf tournament wasn't known.

MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo Market Cafe, 78 Clarence St., held its grand opening celebration on Saturday. Offering an all-day breakfast, as well as homemade desserts and fair trade speciality coffees, the cafe was abuzz with customers over the weekend. Pictured from left are Kylie DeFazio, Mayor Vance Badawey, Josh DeFazio and owners Fay and Frank DeFazio.



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